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REF: AMBASSADOR'S LETTER TO SMITH AF/W DECEMBER 12, 1977

1. EMBASSY UPDATE OF BRIEFING PAPER ON REIMBURSABLE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS IS TRANSMITTED VIA THIS CABLE. ORIGINAL PAPER WAS PREPARED FOR PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO NIGERIA SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 1977. ON PAGE TWO FOLLOWING PORTIONS OF TEXT SHOULD BE REVISED.

2. PARA 3, LINE 4-CHANGE "LIKELY" TO "POSSIBLE".

3. PARA 4 SHOULD BE REWRITTEN TO STATE: "A LARGE RDP ACTIVITY IN NIGERIA INVOLVES MIDDLE LEVEL, TECHNICAL MANPOWER TRAINING. 1000 NIGERIAN STUDENTS HAVE ALREADY ARRIVED IN THE U.S. FOR TRAINING, AND A SIMILAR NUMBER OF NEW STUDENTS IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE FOR THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR. THIS FULLY REIMBURSABLE PROGRAM, COSTING APPROXIMATELY DOLS8,000 PER STUDENT PER YEAR, IS A STOP-GAP MEASURE TO ASSIST IN MEETING NIGERIA'S IMMEDIATE MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS. AS A LONG-TERM SOLUTION, WE WISH TO ASSIST IN DEVELOPING ADEQUATE VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL TRAINING FACILITIES WITHIN NIGERIA."

4. PARA 5-PLEASE DELETE AND REPLACE WITH: "USING 661 FUNDS THE BUREAU OF CENSUS HAS VISITED NIGERIA AND IS EXPLORING WAYS
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TO ASSIST THE GOVERNMENT IN IMPROVING ITS DATA-GATHERING SYSTEM."

5. ADD A NEW PARA 6 AS FOLLOWS: "AS A FOLLOW-UP TO OUR BI-LATERAL ECONOMIC TALKS, WE HAVE PROPOSED JOINT HIGH-LEVEL BILATERAL TECHNOLOGICAL, BUSINESS AND DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE TO TAKE PLACE IN MID-NOVEMBER 1978. ORGANIZATIONAL COSTS WILL

BE PAID FROM 661 FUNDS."

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